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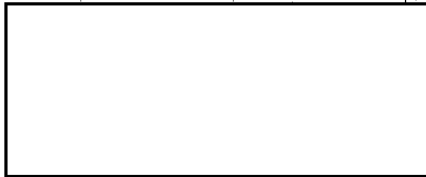
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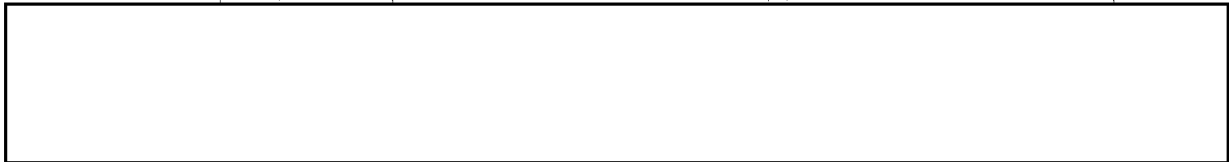
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1. "Since March 1953 the Ukrainian authorities have launched a large-scale compulsory resettlement program in the former Polish-Soviet frontier area that is now part of the Ukrainian SSR. The purpose of this program is to reshuffle the Ukrainians who have been living in that area.
2. "On the former Polish side of the frontier two oblasts, Rovno and Tarnopol, are affected. On the former Soviet Ukraine side of the border the Kamenets Podolskiy oblast is affected. The kolkhoz members in these three oblasts are being compulsorily evicted from their places of residence and resettled on the other side of the former frontier.
3. "This resettlement is much resented by the Ukrainians living in the former Polish territories. They oppose it in every way possible and denounce it openly as 'deportation to the Soviets'.
4. "The authorities have punished all acts of resistance to the resettlement and also all rumors about 'deportations'. In the rayons of Yampol and Shepetovka, where several Ukrainian families had been resettled from the former Polish territory, over 170 kolkhoz members were punished in the first half of April, for spreading 'diversionist rumors'.
5. "Elsewhere, offenders were punished with fines up to 500 rubles. There were also cases involving the confiscation of radio sets brought in by the resettlers from the former Polish territories. In the town of Proskurov, for example, the authorities confiscated in mid-April a radio receiver owned by (fnu) Ziminski, a meat combine worker who was one of the resettlers. He was charged with organizing gatherings of 'Polish' Ukrainians to discuss the 'deportations' and the Ukrainian broadcasts of VOA".

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